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NEWS OF THE VICINAGE.

Columbia will have a fair this year, the first for several years.

Lebanon in a vote of 373 gave two majority against graded schools.

Harry Wolfe, a former Somerset boy, died last week at San Antonio, Texas.

Joshua Smalley, one of the oldest residents of Mercer county, died in his 89th year.

J. L. Riley was appointed postmaster at Bostonia, Mercer county, and John C. Levitt at Jellico Creek, Whitley.

The appointment of William Jenkins for postmaster at Newby, Madison county, has been revoked and J. C. Stapp will be appointed.

Ben Rines, of Pulaski, has been declared insane. It is believed that an extended spree was the cause of his mind leaving him.

A fellow who gave his name as G. W. Forder, of Paulding Co., O., bought several farms in Mercer with bogus checks and jumped his board bill.

A Nicholasville hunter, who didn't know the quail law had expired, brought 30 partridges to town. He was caught and fined \$150, \$5 for each bird he had in his possession.

On complaint of Maria Terrell, William Milles, a colored barber, of Richmond, was put in jail, charged with criminal assault, the victim being the woman's 13-year-old daughter, Lena.

The grocery firm of W. B. Holmes & Co., has been dissolved. Oliver P. McRoberts, the "Company," retiring because Mr. Holmes insisted on discarding the sale of tobacco and cigars.

"Sympathy for brothers, wife and family constitute no reason for a pardon. To adopt such a precedent would result in turning out of the penitentiary at least one-half its inmates," is what Gov. Bradley wrote on the petition of Morgan Sims, of Russell county, for pardon for manslaughter.

A trial has just been concluded at London, which brought to light the details of an unreported four-cornered fight and killing in Clay county, and an exciting race by the sheriff after the men charged with the killing.

Christmas day, in Clay county, a deadly fight took place between Tom Whitmore and Dan Parker on one side, and A. C. Turner and John Murray on the other, in which Turner was shot through the body by Parker and died instantly.

Parker and Whitmore were tried before Judge Wright and held without bail to answer the charge of murder at the February term of that court. The fight was over a woman.

MATRIMONIAL MATTERS.

Walton Howard killed himself in St. Louis, because he had heard it said he could not control his family.

The Georgetown Times says 89 white and 37 colored couples got license in Scott county to marry in 1898.

Mrs. Mollie Bryan, aged 48, and the mother of seven living children, was married at Sunbright, Tenn., to Robert Powell, 29.

After making preparations to marry Jake Wheeler, Miss Dora Barkley, of Independence, Tenn., changed her mind and married Henry Hutchison, who was to have acted as best man.

HUBBLE.—George Wood sold 80 sheep cattle, which he bought in the South, to Wells, of Nelson county, at \$21. T. C. Rankin and R. L. Hubble are in Atlanta with mules. G. B. Barnett sold some fat hogs to Sim Slaughter for meat at 3c. Thirteen rabbits were killed and 16 more ran off of one acre of land on Cherry street, which is used for a school house and graveyard, a few days ago. Mr. James Robinson has turned his farm over to his sons, John and George, for this year.

The failures for the year 1898 were 12,209, banking and other financial concerns included, with liabilities of \$149,667,933, 18.3 per cent. less than last year and 46.1 per cent. less than in 1896. Commercial failures were 12,186, with liabilities of \$130,662,899, 15.3 per cent. less than last year and 43.2 per cent. less than 1896. The average of liabilities per failure, \$10,772, is the smallest ever recorded.

GLORIOUS NEWS

Comes from Dr. B. B. Cargile, of Washita, I. T. He writes: "Four bottles of Electric Bitters have cured Mrs. Brewer of scrofula, which had caused her great suffering for years. Terrible sores would break out on her head and face, and the best doctors could give no help; but her cure is complete and her health is excellent." This shows what thousands have proved—that Electric Bitters is the best blood purifier known. It's the supreme remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion builds up the strength. Only 50 cents. Sold by Peckay, Druggist, Guaranteed.

Henry C. Warren, of Boston, has willed his vast property and valuable collections, valued at \$1,000,000, to Harvard University.

The L. & N. directors declared a dividend of 14 per cent., the first in several years.

MT. VERNON.

A telephone office has been opened at Bastinville, four miles out from Crab Orchard, toward Ottsenhelm.

Goose Wells got 100 days for taking out a C. O. D. jug and dividing it. There are four more similar cases against him.

Mrs. Rosalind Nesbitt, your regular reporter from this place, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Roppert, at "Havenwood," near Orlando.

G. C. Fish, a prominent farmer, lost his dwelling by fire Wednesday night. Nothing was saved. The family was absent. Origin not known. No insurance.

A telegram from Anniston, Ala., announces the death of Burdine Whitaker, a member of the 4th Kentucky regiment. The remains will arrive at Livingston today.

Our new officers came in on Jan. 1, 1898, and the good work they have done, with the stand taken by our county paper, things have changed wonderfully for the better.

A two weeks' special term of the Rockcastle circuit court is called for Jan. 30th. The February term follows. We will have four weeks or more of court. The "old judge" is determined to clear his docket.

S. N. Davis has been sworn in as deputy county surveyor. He is one of our best young men and will be heard from in the business world at no distant date. Miss Otye Brown has returned to Wayne county.

Our county paper, the Signal, knows a good thing when it sees it. It never fails to advocate the doctrine that the INTERIOR JOURNAL is the best all-around newspaper in Kentucky. For get there news in local and general news and always coming out on time. It is unexcelled.

Marshal McClure, of this place, and the marshal of New Haven, captured two boys at Pine Hill, Tuesday afternoon, who had escaped from Gettysburg College, and were making their way home at Williamsburg. They were taken back on the night train. One of them, aged 13, is a son of Mr. Higgins, an extensive lumber manufacturer.

The Signal's editor is kept on the go to keep things moving in telephone interests. He is secretary and general hustler for the Crab Orchard, Stanford & Mt. Vernon Telephone Co. Arrangements have been made for putting in an exchange at Livingston, line extended to London and Manchester with an exchange in London and various other extensions of lines in the mountain counties. The best and latest improved instruments are being used and messages over their lines go.

Miss Ella May Saunders was up from Livingston this week visiting friends and relatives. Miss Beth Simpson, of Pine Hill, has entered Collegiate Institute here. John Watson Brown, late of Arkansas Harbor, now flies his shingle in this place, marked, "Attorney at Law." Judge J. W. Alcorn, one of the brightest legal lights who practices at our bar, was here both last and this week taking depositions in important cases.

T. B. Lair, late of Livingston, has moved to his farm lately purchased of Capt. Spradlin, near this place. Miss Ashford returned to Danville Tuesday.

Miss Anderson, of New York, will teach classes in physical culture and voice training in Collegiate Institute here next week. Rev. and Mrs. L. M. Strong entertained the students and patrons of Collegiate Institute Monday evening. William Madison Griffin has been sworn in as deputy sheriff. Supt. Davis is ready to pay the teachers.

CRAB ORCHARD.

Can the weather clerk inform us whether it is advisable to prepare an ark or not?

The distillery began operation Monday and with an entire new outfit, ought to be able to make good whiskey, if this can be done.

Rev. G. W. Wheatley, of Danville, was called Sunday as pastor of the Baptist church at Crab Orchard. It is to be hoped that he will prove a thorough worker and will be able to build up this church to what it once was.

Mrs. Margaret Curd is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Pettus. Miss Jennie Payne is visiting in Brodhead. Mrs. W. B. Burke, of Brownsville, Tenn., who has been visiting her father, Capt. F. W. Dillon, left for her home Monday. Miss Lockie Dillon was called to Pittsburgh on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. J. H. Pugh. Joe Magee is ill of pneumonia. Miss Bertie James came home from Georgetown College Saturday sick of grip. Adam Richert is visiting J. R. Bartley's family near Burgin. Mrs. Kittie King has traded her farm to D. C. Payne for his residence in town. Miss Helen Dick has gone to Kansas to visit relatives. Dr. W. J. Edmiston was called to Lancaster to see his brother, John Shaw, who is very sick. Sam Ward, Jr., was up from Louisville to visit Miss Eva Steger.

Thieves broke into the Southern depot at Shelbyville and got \$100.

RELIGIOUS MATTERS.

Sam P. Jones will begin his Hopkinsville meeting Jan. 20.

The wife of Presiding Elder Joseph Rand died at Lexington.

Rev. Cornelius G. Macpherson, the oldest Cumberland Presbyterian minister, died in Louisville, aged 92.

Rev. J. M. Sallee, late pastor of the Baptist church at Henderson, has accepted a call to San Antonio, Tex.

The Danville District Missionary Institute will meet at Mt. Olivet church, near Bryantville, Jan. 17 and 18.

Twenty thousand copies of Dr. E. O. Guerrant's sermon on "The Woman Which Was a Sinner" have been printed.

The individual communion cup is growing into favor. The Central Christian church of Indianapolis, has adopted it.

The members of Mt. Moriah church at Highland have unanimously called Rev. Martin Owens for another year, making the 41st year.

Rev. John S. Hays, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Mayesville, and founder of the Hays-Wood Seminary, died at that place, aged 67.

Mrs. Dr. Sigler, who fell into the sanctification movement, abandoned her husband, who has just secured a divorce from her at Henderson. The woman claimed that she could not lead a holy life as a wife.

According to the Independent, the church membership in the United States increased 862,300 last year, making the total now 27,714,523. The Catholics made the largest gains, 219,791, the Methodists next, 162,186, Baptists 131,465, Presbyterians 52,239 and Christians 2,888.

Rev. J. T. Sharrard at Old Union Sunday baptized Mr. George Gray. The ice had to be cut and thrown out by the preacher and others before the candidate could be immersed. Quite a large crowd witnessed it. The candidate stood the ordeal well and felt none the worse for his cold plunge a few moments later.—Lexington Herald.

To an oversight was due our failure to mention the sermon of Dr. W. C. Roberts, president of Centre College, preached at the Presbyterian church here Sunday. It was on the subject of "Our Inheritance," and many of those who heard it, say it was the best sermon they ever listened to. While here Dr. Roberts was the guest of Judge J. W. Alcorn, an alumnus of the college.

REV. GEO. O. BARNES.

APPEALS FOR HELP TO HIS KENTUCKY FRIENDS.

After stating how he was called to the capital, how ripe the field is for the harvest, how it is the closing campaign of his evangelistic life, "the home stretch of the race that is set before me" and how the Lord directed him to an abandoned church which he secured, but at a heavy expense, Rev. George O. Barnes makes this appeal for help from his Kentucky friends through the columns of the Courier-Journal. His address is 1633 P. Street, N. W. Washington.

Will you help us do the work that can better be done by us than others on account of our unsectarian position and our wide experience in just such service for the Master?

If you have "counted us worthy" in the past 22 years of evangelism help us. If you love the souls of perishing men, whom we can reach effectually, help us.

If you are personally attached to the man and his daughter, who have been the instruments used by the Lord in saving any dear to you, help us.

Starting this mission, for which everything thus far seems prepared, is the difficulty. At this starting point Satan plants his heaviest artillery; if, peradventure, he may slay the child in its cradle, as once before he plotted to destroy the infant Jesus.

We ask you with all affection, with all earnestness, to "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty;" what good you may do by stretching out a helping hand, eternity alone will reveal.

And if there is anything in the spectacle of one of our own Kentucky sons who has grown gray in your service, or anything touching in the life of the dear girl, who, with unflinching zeal and affection, has devoted maidenhood and womanhood to this service for souls—let your sympathetic love and admiration take the practical direction of helping on the cause to which their lives have been fully consecrated. And may the Lord bless you in giving and in praying for us without ceasing. Yours in Jesus' love,

The town of Pullman, after a fruitless fight in the courts, has been absorbed by Chicago and will cease to be a separate municipality. The town covers 350 acres and is thickly populated with the employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company. Its municipality has been the most unique in the country.

May wheat a worth 71 at Chicago, and January 69.

LANCASTER.

Mr. W. H. Kinnaird rented 24 acres of corn land on the Danville road to Arch Whitaker at \$6.90 per acre.

The National and Citizens National Banks both elected the old board of directors and the same officials throughout.

There is a man in this county whose father is his brother and whose son's uncle is his grand-father. This is a fact. Fix it up.

G. A. Swinebroad bought 130 fat hogs near Lancaster at 21 to 3.10 and shipped to Cincinnati. He also bought 11 extra good yearling cattle at 4c of Sam Anderson.

S. M. Peacock, of Tennessee, who was post-master here during Cleveland's first administration, is here with relatives and friends. Col. W. S. Miller, of Knoxville, is here on business. He has a host of friends in this city and being one of the best hotel men in the State, everybody wants him to come back and take charge of Hotel Garrard when it is finished.

The Masonic lodge of this city had a goose supper at the court-house Wednesday night. It was strictly a fraternal affair and was a delicious repast consisting of all the substantial and delicate edibles of the season. The lodge is in good condition financially and they are always ready to live up to the principles of charity and benevolence as taught by the noblest human institution known to morals.

On Wednesday I gained a greater victory than Hobson did. Mr. E. W. Harris, who never says "yes" and never agrees with anyone, contributed to a sum of money which was offered me to go to the country and haul a load of fodder to town. I went through the street to a muddy field and returned with the fodder; whereupon Mr. Harris admitted that he was mistaken. He did not know how I once worked on the farms where Elder Jos. Ballou and George Hopper live.

It is well known that I have nominated several men for office, through the INTERIOR JOURNAL, and they have always been elected. I now nominate a man for governor who lives in a section of the State that deserves recognition, who is a loyal democrat, a learned lawyer, a man of undoubted integrity, great executive ability, free from the Louisville and Frankfort gangs and not allied with any faction that will create disaffection. I nominate Hon. James D. Black, of Barbourville, he will be sure to win.

Perhaps there is no article taken into the human system which is known by so many names as a drink of whiskey is. Men who indulge in its use either attempt to conceal the fact by the use of odd names or terms, or else attempt to justify the habit by throwing a cloak of humor over it. I have seen a crowd of jovial friends conversing on ordinary topics, when suddenly one of them will say: "Let's go and wood up." They go, and after a while begin to chatter like black birds, when another says "Let's take a nip." After this another says: "Let's take a bitter." Still another says: "Shoot one under your belt." But the most forcible and truthful expression was once used by one of our prominent men, when he said: "Let's hit the enemy." He spoke truly and, realizing the fact, he long since abandoned the fight. This language, although unknown to the masses, is familiar to the drinking man. It must be remembered that my familiarity with this manner of expressions, is not the result of experience, but rather the result of observation and hearsay.

The sword of honor voted to Rear Admiral Dewey, the naval hero of Manila, by joint resolution of Congress in June last, was received at the naval department from the makers, Tiffany & Co., of New York, and has been placed on exhibition in the office of the secretary. It is said to be one of the finest specimens of the sword-maker's art ever seen in this country. With the exception of the steel blade and the body metal of the scabbard, the weapon is composed entirely of 22-carat gold.

Rev. Gregory Doyle was given a life sentence for the murder of Lydia Braucher, in Hart county. He confessed that he ruined the girl and got Prof. McClure to produce an abortion on her, for which he paid him \$50. McClure was also given a life sentence, but both out to have been hanged.

William Peak, the famous bell ringer, is dead at Brooklyn, aged 94 years. Previous to the civil war, the Peak family, seven in number, toured the United States, giving performances in bell ringing, a form of entertainment much in vogue at that time.

HE FOOLED THE SURGEONS. All doctors told Reulick Hamilton, of West Jefferson, O., after suffering 18 months from Rectal Flatula, he would die unless a costly operation was performed; but he cured himself with five boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the surest Pile cure on Earth, and the best salve in the World. 25 cents a box, sold by Peckay, Druggist.

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